

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2009 with funding from
Selwyn House School

<http://www.archive.org/details/veritasjune198069selw>



Raise funds for Grad Dance

Senior Students produce Oscar Wilde play



Members of the cast in Wilde play. (Front L. to R.) Glen Fong, Clive Spiegel, Stephen Kohner. (Rear L. to R.) Ali Argun, Chris Creighton, David Daly, Lawrence Hsu, Michael Dungan, Director Duncan Baird.

On the evening of April 22nd, a group of Grade 11 students performed an adaptation of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." The production, undertaken solely by the students themselves and entirely on their own initiative, had been under preparation for several months, and despite an extremely busy academic and athletic schedule, the piece was exhaustively rehearsed in anticipation of a performance that would help to raise funds for the Graduation Dance. To the great satisfaction of all involved, this objective was admirably achieved.

The production was initially conceived by Clive Spiegel, who himself portrayed Lady Bracknell, Wilde's paradoxically outrageous traditionalist. The cast also consisted of seven other senior students: Michael Dungan as Algernon Moncrieff; Ali Argun as John Worthing, J. P.; Glen Fong as Miss Gwendolyn Fairfax; Stephen Kohner as Miss

Cecily Cardew; David Daly as Miss Prism, the Governess; Chris Creighton as Lane, man servant; and Lawrence Hsu as Merriman, the butler. To this cast, as almost an afterthought, was added Duncan Baird in the capacity of Director. Serious rehearsals began in mid-March in two local churches and several homes; as the production date approached, props and costumes were gathered from the Théâtre du Nouveau Monde and the Phoenix Theatre, as well as from various private donors. Despite a lack of rehearsal time on the School stage, the evening's performance was executed smoothly and with confidence.

When asked about the production, the Director, Duncan Baird, was most appreciative of the cooperation and total support he received from the cast and other members of Grade 11. It was their enthusiasm and hard work that made this such a successful first-time venture.

News from the Middle School

Recently, 58 Grade 7 students and two teachers paid an overnight visit to our nation's capital. Their itinerary included the Mint, the War Museum, the Museum of Science and Technology and the Aeronautical Museum.

A highlight of the trip was a lengthy visit with the Honourable Don Johnston. Mr. Johnston outlined his role in the Federal Cabinet and then answered numerous questions from his inquisitive audience. At the close of the visit, Mr. Johnston presented three Canadian flags to a representative of each Grade 7 class.

This Spring, members of Grades 3 - 6 participated in a "Read-a-Thon" in an effort to raise funds for the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. From these grades 73 students found one or more sponsors who guaranteed payment for each book read. A total of 653 books were read by the young students, and \$1,836.44 was raised for this very worthy cause.



The Hon. Don Johnston and his attentive 7th Grade audience

School sends delegates to student Commonwealth Conference

During the week of May 10th - 17th, Selwyn House sent Andrew Smith, John Shannon and Hirsh Bernstein as delegates to the Eighth Student Heads of Government Commonwealth Conference in Ottawa. This event brings together students from coast to coast who share a common interest in international affairs.

The Conference takes as its model the real Commonwealth meetings and it affirms the Commonwealth traditions of equality, flexibility and friendship. Formal discussions were held by the student delegates, each of whom had assumed one of the three agenda items. Shannon, Smith and Bernstein were responsible for Refugees, Technology Transfer and Peacekeeping. Away from the conference tables, the delegates attended a

number of Ministerial workshops, lectures, trade and simulation games and films. Selwyn House students were chosen to represent the African country of Lesotho, and the High Commissioner of Lesotho, His Excellency Joseph Mello was most hospitable and cooperative towards our three student representatives.

During their stay in Ottawa, the students attended various formal functions, which included a State Reception and a State Banquet. Informal activities were also on the agenda, highlighted by a Parliamentary lunch and a dance at Carleton University. Undoubtedly, this Student Conference provided our delegates with a fine opportunity to understand more completely the role of the Commonwealth in world affairs.

Selwyn House hosts debating tournament

The School, usually dormant on Saturdays, was alive with activity on February 23rd when Selwyn House hosted the Provincial Semi-Final Debating Tournament. The Tournament was sponsored by the Quebec Student Debating Association, an organization with over fifty member schools which looks after debating throughout the Province.

Thirty-two teams from seventeen different schools came from as far away as Quebec City to attend this Tournament, which featured four rounds of Parliamentary-style debate. Two prepared rounds on the topic: "Be It Resolved that the Anglophone Community in Quebec is Alive and Well," were followed by impromptu rounds on two other topics.

Selwyn House entered two teams consisting of Robert Gialloreti, Sean Lafleur, Phil Lapin and Tim Reid and both did very well. Tim Reid, in particular, distinguished himself by placing fifth out of sixty-four contestants.

The Final Round of this very successful Tournament featured a team from John XXIII as the Government and a team from St. Thomas as the opposition, debating the prepared topic. Interestingly, the resolution passed and the Anglophone community can breathe a sigh of relief.

Substantial Increase in Applications for September '80

"Applications have increased substantially over the last few years, but this year, they are up 50%," said David Williams, Director of Admission. A total of 270 students from all parts of Montreal and outside the Province, wrote examinations for entrance into Grades 1 through 10. Entrance into Grade 7 drew the greatest number of applicants. Some 85 candidates took the exams and, of these, 18 along with 20 students from Selwyn House's present Grade 6, sat the Scholarship examinations.

The Speirs Scholarship, valued at \$1,000.00, was awarded to Patrick Jabal of Preville Elementary School, St. Lambert. The next two awards, the Wanstall Scholarships, each for \$500.00, were awarded to Timothy Winn of Roslyn School and Etienne Côté of Selwyn House. As well, five Scholarship prizes of \$100.00 each were awarded to the following boys: David Jones of Roslyn School; Alexander Rink of Harold Napier School, Brossard; Jonathan Kay, Christopher Naudie and Christopher Pratley of Selwyn House.

These scholarships and scholarship prizes are carried forward through to Grade 11, provided that the recipient maintains a high overall performance.

Best results yet in National Maths Contest

The Junior Mathematics Contest is held annually and is sponsored by the University of Waterloo and Mutual Life Assurance Company. This year's results are the best ever achieved by Selwyn House in the five years we have participated. The School placed sixth among the 1,100 Canadian Schools entered and second among Quebec Schools. In fact, the only schools which placed ahead of Selwyn House are those which offer Grade XII.

This year, 30 boys were entered from Grades IX, X, and XI. Joshua Albert placed third in Quebec and was joined by Lawrence Hsu and Duncan Baird on

the Contest's Canadian Honour Roll. John Trott, Peter Yamamoto, Charles Mappin, Vlad Zeman, Hirsh Bernstein, Sean Lafleur and David Williams were also named to the Provincial Honour Roll.

The contest does not so much test mathematical achievement as it does aptitude. Therefore, each contestant is presented with 30 questions for which he must find a way to use the mathematics he knows. The contest is a challenge for all students, not just the mathematically gifted.

and has defeated two

Hopefully, the conditions set by this champions will be continued next year by the Bonnam-B group which has looked impressive in their two wins over B.S.

Mr. Govan's Senior teams have had a somewhat frustrating season. A lack of competitive experience among the forwards and stiffer competition prevented potential ground gainers, Thompson, A. Gault and Iton from showing their true mettle in the losses against Riverdale and L.C.C. However, Rideout, Yamamoto, Skinner and S. Gault earned the coach's praise for their efforts against the heavier and more experienced L.C.C. side.

unbalanced, hard-
Zinn, Ullmann, G.
and MacFarlane
gains. But a
large measure of credit must be also paid
Dezgado, Doyle, Grossman, Mehnert
and Zacharuk for their ball control.

O.B. News

'56 D. DeWolf Shaw has just returned from a three year stint in the United Kingdom with Wood Gundy to head up Wood Gundy's Oil and Gas Department as a Vice-President.

'68 Brandon Ayre has just completed his final year of studies in Medicine at McGill. He also recently released an album of his own songs.

'74 R. Gordon received his M.A. in Economics at the University of Western Ontario.

'74 Jonathan Hollinger is studying Law at Tulane, after receiving a B.A. in Psychology at McGill.

'74 N. Hopkinson has recently received an M.A. in International History and Political Science.

'74 Jim McLean, after travelling in Europe and working in Switzerland, is now at Concordia University in second year Bio-Phys. Ed, working towards a degree in Physiotherapy. As well, Jim has been named Captain of the Westmount Rugby Club.

'78 Nick Howson has been hard at work at Williams College in Massachusetts. As well as having made the Dean's List, he has been playing on the rugby team, and has been serving as one of five representatives of the Freshman Class on the Student Government.

'75 John Flemming is working as a legal assistant with Coudert Brothers, a New York law firm specializing in international litigation, pending his entry into Harvard Law School next September.

Old Boys' Dinner well attended — '30 Grads given ties



(Head table L. to R.) Mrs. H. D. Walford, O.B. President H. J. F. Bloomfield '59, Headmaster Emeritus, Dr. R. A. Speirs, Headmaster Mr. A. S. Troubetzkoy, Mr. N. Auf der Maur, Mr. E. C. Moodey.



Grads of '30 (L. to R.) Messrs. J. D. Bourne, F. W. Leslie, G. T. H. Howard, D. J. Lantier.



Peter Hodgson '73, Kerry Martin '57 and Mr. J. P. Martin.



Three members of class of '74 chatting with former teacher (L. to R.) Mr. F. G. Phillips, Jeffrey Schwartz, Anthony Sharp, Stuart Iversen.

Approximately one hundred Old Boys turned out for the annual Old Boys' Dinner in late March and they were treated to a most enjoyable evening.

Following the cocktail hour, the party moved into the gymnasium which had been decorated for the occasion. The guests were then regaled with one of George's magnificent turkey dinners. At the conclusion of the meal, Dr. Speirs and Mr. Moodey delivered superb traditional addresses, and the guest speaker, Nick Auf der Mar spoke entertainingly.

A special feature of this particular evening was the tribute paid to the classes of twenty-five and fifty years ago. While none of the members of the Class of 1955 was able to attend, several classmates of 1930 were present, and they were presented with Old Boys' ties.

The evening was an outstanding success, and special thanks must go to Thomas Hruby-Holy ('72) who was kind enough to once again organize this annual event.

Douglas Peets

Phys-Ed stresses 'carry-over' sports

This Spring's sports programme has seen the continuance of the School's strong tradition in rugby. Four teams were entered in exhibition and G.M.A.A. schedules. At the same time, however, the Phys-Ed. Department, in response to student needs, has increased its carry-over or leisure activities.

Cycling has been introduced this year to complement the badminton, tennis, and golf already offered. This new addition has proved very popular, and fitness development has been encouraged by lengthy cycling trips on the mountain, to Lachine and the West Island. The programme has a very practical aspect as well participants are taught basic maintenance and repairs on their ten-speed bikes.

The tennis team, under Mr. Lumsden, showed early promise in its exhibition matches against B.C.S., but it ran into much sterner opposition in the G.M.A.A. tournament. The doubles teams were eliminated and, at time of writing, only one player, J. Torriani, has an opportunity of placing in the singles play.



New tactics used in Junior Sack race

Fifteen records set in Track-Field events

The Annual Track Meet which was held on May 14th at Molson Stadium saw fifteen new records established in various track and field events. All grades of the School are involved in this meet, however, Grades 1 - 3 have their own informal events consisting of potato sack races and similar type contests.

Among the new records were those in the 100 metre set by Tony Iton; in the 400 metre by M. Harris (11 yrs.), Ian Aitken (15 yrs.), and Tony Iton (16 and over); and the 800 metres by D. Stevenson (15 years). New times also appeared in the 1600 metre race and the 400 metre Senior relay. Individual class winners were I. Blachford, 10 and under; M. Harris, 11 years; J. Thomka-Gazdik, 12 years; B. Brydon, 13 years; M. Ullmann and D. Eaton, co-champs, 14 years; P. Sader, 15 years. The Victor Ludorum Trophy which is awarded for the best individual performance was garnered by Gregory Thompson.

Jazz group entertains Senior Citizens

On March 9th, the Selwyn House Senior Jazz Band presented its first public concert for the residents of Manor Westmount. The concert was the first of a series of similar events.

trombones; Michael Dungan, piano; Karl Steffenhofer, guitar; Peter Wright, bass; Shane Brady, drums. The Musical Director is Mr. David Nutting.

The Political Corner

Interesting to note that during the recent Federal elections, St. Henri Westmount

Heller ('75) was Chairman of the day organization for D.P. (Claude Mestral)

Chambers ('69) was member of the campaign for Dupre

Chambers ('69) was Chairman of the campaign for Dupre

THE EDITOR,
Selwyn House School Newsletter,
95 Côte St. Antoine Rd.,
Westmount, P.Q. H3Y 2H8

NAME: _____ CLASS YEAR: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NEWS: _____



